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In re application of:

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AND A SERVER APPARATUS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed October 27, 2009, Applicants hereby respond on December 11, 2009, and hereby elects the invention covered by Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to structures/structural elements of and method for a voice communication system. Applicants further reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims.

An action on the merits is requested.

A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for one-month is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261, under Order No. 31762-231045.

Respectfully submitted,

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